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**WALKER INCLUDES MORE THAN \$35 MILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS IN BUDGET**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker outlined infrastructure improvements included in his 2008 budget today at the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony of the historic bridges on Honey Creek Parkway.

While state funding for rebuilding the bridges was available through the Local Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, allocating funds to maintain the infrastructure for Milwaukee County's roads, bridges, airport and parks, was a necessary element of the budget.

"We continue to address each year the priority areas to maintain our parks, parkways, bridges and airport improvements," said Walker. "Though not always noticeable to the casual observer, a comprehensive plan to tackle these projects will save the taxpayers money down the road."

The bridge rehabilitation and replacement program totals \$3.5 million of the \$16.6 million allocated for county roadways and bridges. The Milwaukee River Parkway, Oklahoma Avenue and Oak Creek Parkway bridges will be replaced, and areas on West Hampton Avenue, West Mill Road, West Good Hope Road will be rehabilitated. In addition, there is \$930,000 in expenditures for improvements to parkways.

The capital investments for the Parks Department total \$12.9 million and include the construction of the Lincoln Park Family Aquatic Center and three splash pads, county-wide trail and parkway drive improvements, greenhouse construction at Mitchell Park Conservatory, playground equipment upgrades to ensure safe and accessible access, and park maintenance equipment to improve staff efficiency and productivity. The Coast Guard station will be replaced by an open-air public pavilion and the sea wall repaired at McKinley Marina.

The General Mitchell International Airport capital investments total \$11.3 million and will include reconstruction of taxiway segments, airfield pavement and noise reduction improvements, and security and wildlife deterrent perimeter fencing.

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